

UTILITY PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Appl. No.	:	10/691,332	Confirmation No. 1376
Applicant	:	Goro Tamai	
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TC/A.U.	:	3618	
Examiner	:	Christopher Bottorff	
Docket No.	:	GP-302819	

STATEMENT OF UNINTENTIONAL DELAY
PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. § 1.181 (d)

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Sir:

An RCE was filed January 3, 2007 in response to the Final Office Action of October 5, 2006. In a communication dated August 3, 2007, the Examiner indicated that the filing of the RCE was an improper request. Because a proper reply was not filed with the RCE, the time period to respond to the Final Office Action continues to run from October 5, 2006, which had a shortened statutory period for reply of January 5, 2007. The six month statutory deadline expired on April 5, 2007. However, notice of the improper filing was not received until August 3, 2007. Because the delay to prosecute the application was unintentional, a Petition to Revive the Application is being filed herewith along with a reply to the Final Office Action, and the associated fees.

37 CFR 1.181(f) Requires the petition to revive be filed in a timely manner. It is respectfully asserted that the present response is being timely filed. Further, a proper reply requires a continuing application. It is respectfully asserted that the RCE filed

January 3, 2007 with the associated fees and the accompanying response to the Final Office Action, fulfill this requirement.

Statement that the Delay was Unintentional (37 CFR 1.181(d))

An RCE filed January 3, 2007 in response to the final Office Action dated October 5, 2006 was inadvertently, and without deceptive intent, filed without the appropriate reply to the final Office Action. Applicants hereby submit that the entire delay in filing the required reply from the due date of January 5, 2007 until the filing of the grantable petition filed herewith was unintentional.

Respectfully submitted,

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Dated: December 3, 2007

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